

The Storm—After a while the wind began to blow and the waves tossed the ship about (gesture). (Sketch the boat in the storm.) The captain kept close to a big island for shelter from the storm. When the wind began to blow a little more softly, the captain started the boat out to the open sea again, but soon the storm came on worse than ever. They managed to reach an island named Crete, where there was a port and safe harbor named Fair Havens.

Paul advised the captain to stay there for the winter, as the winter storms had begun and it was not safe to sail, but the captain decided to go on. The storm grew worse and worse. Tell the story, vs. 13-19.

Paul's Cheering Words—Describe the fear and hopelessness of the people on board the ship (all but Paul). For many days they had not seen the sunshine, and no moon nor stars at night,—just darkness and storm, day after day. They were too sad and frightened even to take their food.

Paul at last stood up amongst them and said, "You should have listened to me and stayed at Fair Havens and we should not have had all this trouble," but Paul did not scold them. He began to comfort and cheer them.

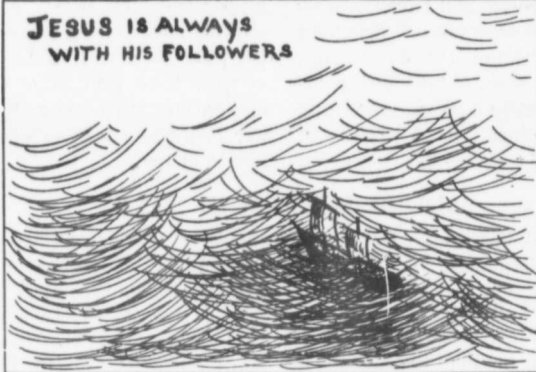
Jesus Near to Paul—He told them of the visit of the angel whom Jesus had sent with this message, vs. 23, 24. (Jesus was always near Paul.) "Be of good cheer," Paul said, "for I believe God and am sure it shall be as the

angel has told me, but we are going to be shipwrecked and cast upon a certain island."

Golden Text—Repeat and explain. Paul was a "pray-er." We should pray about everything. Jesus is near us and will hear our prayer.

"Cheer Ups"—What a nice name to be called! Paul was a "cheer up." Try to speak cheering, happy, helpful words, like Paul and like Jesus.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH ME.



FROM THE PLATFORM

A GREAT PERIL PROMISE

Tell the scholars that, in the lesson, we read of A GREAT PERIL (Print) and a great PROMISE (Fill in). Question about these two things in order. Bring out briefly the various incidents in the story of the storm. Next, ask about the promise (see vs. 23, 24), from whom it came, by whom it was brought, to whom it was given, and what it was. Lay emphasis on Paul's perfect confidence that the promise would be fulfilled because it was God's promise. Speak of some promises which God makes to us, such as forgiveness, our daily bread, protection from danger, guidance, etc.; and speak of the joy and peace which come from trusting God as Paul trusted him.